Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): The settlement proclamation is accompanied by a statement by the then Settlement Officer Mr. Raman Menon. It gives the details of how classifications were made. I will give you the Blue Book if you want.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know Sir, whether the Government assessed any tax for double crop lands?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): All these questions show that the House is amenable for a reconsideration.

The resolution was put and carried.

5. Filling up of vacancies in Sirkar Schools by aided school teachers.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): *The Council recommends to Government that 50 per cent of the permanent vacancies for Sirkar School Teachers in the Educational service, should be filled up by promoting permanent teachers working in aided schools, according to the Staff Selection principle of communal representation.*"

This House has always shown great sympathy for certain classes of people, for instance the poor agriculturists, the unemployed people, the beggars and aided school teachers, and the object of this resolution is to improve the unfortunate lot of the aided school teachers. I think even the Director of Public Instruction has always shown great sympathy towards aided school teachers. In moving this resolution, I should say that this resolution if accepted won't do any injustice to any community, because, according to the rules of the Staff Selection Board, the Ezhuvas get 20 appointments out of 100. By recruiting aided school teachers to 50% of the permanent vacancies, no community will suffer. If this resolution is accepted, then also 20 Ezhuvas will be appointed. Of these 10 Ezhuvas in the aided schools will be recruited to Government Schools and 10 will be recruited direct by the Staff Selection Board, so that the community won't suffer. Those unfortunate teachers whose lot is very hard will have a chance of joining the Government service. Most of these aided school teachers have no ambition at all, the fire of ambition is extinct in them. There are a few who want to improve their lot. It is with that object that I have brought this resolution and I commend this resolution for the sympathetic consideration of this House.

Mr. Deputy President: There is an amendment by Mr. M. Sivarama Menon. It runs thus: Provided however that

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this recommendation shall not be given effect to unless such arrangements are made as will ensure that initial recruitments to aided school service are also made in accordance with the Staff Selection principle of communal representation.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*) : I oppose the amendment.

Mr. Deputy President : Notice of this amendment has been given only this afternoon. This raises certain new points. If any member thinks that a new question should not be sprung upon him all on a sudden, it should be considered whether leave should be granted before moving this amendment.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): I would submit, Sir, that if any member feels that the notice given is so short as to spring upon him as a surprise, then that resolution may be taken up tomorrow.

Mr. Deputy President: Simply because a member it thought fit to give notice of an amendment late, I cannot postpone the discussion.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): As for the initial recruitment is concerned, there is the manager who is the appointing authority. That is a new factor.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The appointing authority is not taken away. Only certain principles are laid down for their guidance in making appointments. The amendment is only a direction as to how those appointments are to be made.

Mr. Deputy President: The question now is not whether it falls within the scope of the original resolution or not. Before we go into that question, there is another thing to be decided. Notice of this amendment has been received very late. The question is whether any inconvenience will be caused to members, because these new points are raised rather too late. If the members have no objection, then I am inclined to allow Mr. Sivarama Menon to move his amendment.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): I raise a point of order, whether this amendment is in order.

Mr. Deputy President: It has been allowed. S. O. 49 has been suspended, and the shortness of the notice has been condoned.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): I have two objections. First of all regarding notice.

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Mr. Deputy President: Regarding notice you are now precluded from saying anything.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Yes, before hearing my objections you have given exemption to move the amendment without notice. Regarding the second point, that is, the amendment is not within the scope of the original resolution, for an amendment to be in order it should be within the scope of the original resolution. I raise this technical point. According to S. O. 48 the amendment should be relevant to and within the scope of the resolution. The resolution refers to the teachers on the one side and Government on the other. Here the managers do not come in at all. By the amendment the manager is brought on the scene. The appointment is made by the manager and you are laying down a rule for him which is not within the scope of this resolution. (*Laughter*). The House has no power to compel the managers to make appointments from particular communities. I would request the Chair to make a ruling on the subject whether this amendment is within the scope of this resolution.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Mr. President, Sir, Since the decision of the Chair is to rest upon consideration of the scope I may also be allowed to say, irrespective of my interest personal or otherwise, a word. The hon'ble member's contention is that the scope of this resolution will be affected if the managers are included. Aided schools without managers I cannot think of. The word 'aided school' includes the staff, management and the rest of it. So, the mention of the word 'manager' has nothing to do with the resolution or the amendment.

Mr. Deputy President: There cannot be any discussion or debate on this matter.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): In one aspect the amendment may be treated as a proviso to the resolution. If in another aspect the principle underlying the resolution is to be construed to be that communal representation should be adopted in the matter of appointments of aided school teachers, promotion in their case to Government services being only initial appointment so far as Government is concerned, the amendment may also be brought within the scope of the resolution and otherwise not. No doubt, the resolution is "This Council recommends to Government that 50 per cent of the permanent vacancies for Sirkar School teachers in the Educational service, should be filled up by promoting permanent teachers working in aided schools, according to the Staff

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Selection principle of communal representation". Since the recruitment to Government service is governed by the principle of communal representation according to the rules enacted for the guidance of the Staff Selection Board, the latter part of the resolution is unnecessary and even without that, that result follows. What was meant by the hon'ble member by the insertion of the last part of the resolution is not clear except it be that communal representation is to be the underlying principle of the resolution. That is why I say I can't understand the exact scope to be attributed to the latter part of that clause. That part of the resolution will show that he was prepared to accept the principle of communal representation throughout. If that be so then there is good reason that this principle in recruitment should be adopted in aided schools.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Ernakulam*): I cannot conceive of a more appropriate amendment falling exactly within the scope of the original resolution which has been tabled before this House. The resolution, recommends to Government that 50 per cent of the permanent vacancies in Sirkar Educational service, should be filled up by promoting permanent teachers working in aided schools. Promotion in accordance with the present practice is a matter solely with the managers of aided schools and now this resolution aims at taking away that discretion so far as 50 per cent of the vacancies are concerned. My amendment is only to the effect that before giving effect to this resolution such arrangements be made as will ensure initial recruitment to aided school service governed by the same principle of communal rotation. According to my humble view of the matter, the Standing Order mentioned on p. 27 only says that the amendment must be relevant to and within the scope of the subject-matter and the clause or motion to which it relates. It can never be said that my amendment is foreign to the scope of the resolution. What is the subject-matter of the resolution? I say the subject-matter is recruitment of aided school teachers to Sirkar service. My amendment relates to the recruitment of aided school teachers which alone enables the subsequent recruitment to Sirkar service. So, my humble submission is that my amendment falls exactly within the scope of the subject-matter of the resolution and is quite relevant.

Mr. Deputy President: This amendment is not an independent recommendation to the Government, that recruitments to Aided Schools should be made in accordance with the principles governing the Staff Selection Board. It only says that if the main resoluion by Mr. Moothedan is to be accepted then this amendment alsos hould be accepted. It only lays down a condition precedent.

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For that reason and for the reasons advanced by the Advocate-General and Mr. Sivarama Menon, I consider that this amendment is relevant to the subject-matter of the resolution and therefore I allow Mr. Sivarama Menon to move his amendment.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): I beg to withdraw the resolution.

The resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

6. Supply of fresh water to littoral tracts lying to the North of British Vypeen.

Mr. L. M. Pylee (*Latin Christians-Ernakulam*): "*This Council recommends to the Government that immediate steps be taken to ensure adequate supply of fresh water to such of the littoral tracts lying to the north of British Vypeen, as are badly in need of the same.*"

Sir, at the very outset, let me say that I come from those very regions, those unfortunate villages to which this resolution relates. I was born and brought up there and therefore it is with personal experience ranging practically for the whole of my life-time that I am going to speak upon this resolution. Probably, the hon'ble members if they just look beyond the beautiful backwaters that lie before them they will find that coastal tract with crowded cocoanut plantations. It is a very thickly populated area. But that region was once upon a time a very broad coastal tract and inhabited by a middle class population in very prosperous and thriving condition. But to-day if any hon'ble member will condescend to set his foot on that tract, indescribable misery will be found prevailing among the population. It is a miserable sight. People are too poor to find the Government officers. The place has been reduced to a narrow strip of land and the most elemental need which any human being requires, viz., water—that is rare in that territory. Sir, if you look on all sides, you find water everywhere. There is water in the sea, water in the front water in the backwaters—all over water—and when the monsoon time comes the whole place is submerged in water and water is our guest. When I was a boy student, my people had to leave the house all on a sudden by the unwelcome rush of the sea-water. These hardships the people suffer and have suffered for decades. And we cried and cried and the Government at that time was not considerate enough to take proper action in respect of our sufferings. The result has been that the broad territory which was once upon a time in a prosperous condition has reduced itself to a poor condition. That is

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